## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

March 13, 2006



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TO: ALL COUNTY CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS BUREAU CHIEF APPOINTMENT

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL			
[ ] State Law Change			
[ ] Federal Law or RegulationChange			
[ ] Court Order or Settlement Agreement			
[ ] Clarification Requested by			
One or More Counties			
[X] Initiated by CDSS			

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Ramón S. Lopez as the Department's new Chief of the Civil Rights Bureau.

Ramón has previously managed the Department's County Support Section in the Fiscal Systems Bureau and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Unit, where he served as the HIPAA Privacy Officer.

Ramón began his position as the Chief in the Civil Rights Bureau on February 1, 2006 with the goal of ensuring effective delivery of services by California Department of Social Services offices, county welfare departments, vendors and contractors, and county district attorney offices statewide.

In the coming months Ramón plans to visit counties and meet with many of you as time and circumstances permit. He will also be re-instituting the regional meetings and the civil rights ad hoc advisory committee.

Please address future correspondence to the CDSS Civil Rights Bureau to:

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Please join me in welcoming Ramón to this office.

Sincerely,

TOM LEE
Acting Deputy Director
Human Rights and Community Services Division